THE
Form of Ordaining or Conſecrating of an ARCHBISHOP, or BISHOP; Which is always to be performed upon ſome Sunday, or Holy-day.

K. Liturgies. — C. of E. — Common Prayer. — Ordinal. [Eng.]

¶ When all things are duly prepared in the Church, and ſet in Order; after Morning Prayer is ended, the Archbiſhop (or ſome other Biſhop appointed) ſhall begin the Communion-Service; in which this ſhall be

The Collect.

ALmighty God, who by thy Son Jeſus Chriſt didſt give to thy holy Apoſtles many excellent Gifts, and didſt charge them to feed thy Flock; Give grace, we beſeech thee, to all Biſhops, the Paſtors of thy Church, that they may diligently Preach thy Word, and duly Adminiſter the godly Diſcipline thereof; and grant to the People, that they may obediently follow the ſame, that all may receive the crown of everlaſting glory, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. Amen.

¶ And another Biſhop ſhall read

The Epiſtle.

THis is a true ſaying, If a man deſire the Office of a Biſhop, he deſireth a good Work. A Biſhop then muſt be blameleſs, the husband of one Wife, vigilant, ſober, of good behaviour, given to hoſpitality, apt to teach, not given to Wine, no ſtriker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; one that ruleth well his own houſe, having his children in ſubjection with all gravity; (For if a man know not how to rule his own houſe, how ſhall he take care of the Church of God:) Not a novice, leſt being lifted up with pride, he fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover, he muſt have a good report of them which are without, leſt he fall into reproch, and the ſnare of the devil. 1 Tim. iij. 1.

A ¶ Or

The Conſecration

¶ Or this, for the Epiſtle.

Acts xx. 17. ✠✠✠From Miletus Paul ſent to Epheſus, and called the ✠F✠ elders of the Church. And when they were come ✠✠✠ to him, he ſaid unto them, Ye know from the firſt day that I came into Aſia, after what manner I have bẽ with you at all ſeaſons, ſerving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears and temptations which befel me by the lying in wait of the Jews: And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have ſhewed you, and have taught you publickly, and from houſe to houſe, teſtifying both to the Jews, and alſo to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jeſus Chriſt. And now behold, I go bound in the ſpirit unto Jeruſalem, not knowing the things that ſhall befall me there; ſave that the Holy Ghoſt witneſſeth in every city, ſaying, That bonds and afflictions abide me. But none of theſe things move me, neither count I my life dear unto my ſelf, ſo that I might finiſh my courſe with joy, and the Miniſtry which I have received of the Lord Jeſus, to teſtifie the Goſpel of the grace of God. And now behold, I know that ye all among whom I have gone preaching the Kingdom of God, ſhall ſee my face no more. Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the bloud of all men. For I have not ſhunned to declare unto you all the counſel of God. Take hẽd therefore unto your ſelves, and to all the flock over the which the Holy Ghoſt hath made you Overſeers to fẽd the Churh of God, which he hath purchaſed with his own bloud. For I know this, that after my departing, ſhall grievous Wolves enter in among you, not ſparing the flock. Alſo of your own ſelves ſhall men ariſe, ſpeaking perverſe things, to draw away diſciples after them. Therefore watch, and remember, that by the ſpace of thrẽ years I ceaſed not to warn every one night and day with tears. And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the Word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are ſanctified. I have coveted no mans ſilver, or gold, or apparel, yea, you your ſelves know, that theſe hands have miniſtred unto my neceſſities, and to them that were with me. I have ſhewed you all things, how that ſo labouring ye ought to ſupport the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jeſus, how he ſaid, It is more bleſſed to give then to receive.

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¶ Then

¶ Then another Biſhop ſhall read

The Goſpel.

JEſus ſaith to Simon Peter, Simon, ſon of Jonas, loveſt thou me more then theſe? He ſaith unto him, Yea, Lord, thou knoweſt that I love thee. He ſaith unto him, Feed my lambs. He ſaith to him again the ſecond time, Simon, ſon of Jonas, loveſt thou me? He ſaith unto him, Yea, Lord, thou knoweſt that I love thee. He ſaith unto him, Feed my ſheep. He ſaith unto him the third time, Simon, ſon of Jonas, loveſt thou me? Peter was grieved becauſe he ſaid unto him the third time, Loveſt thou me? And he ſaid unto him, Lord, thou knoweſt all things; thou knoweſt that I love thee. Jeſus ſaith unto him, Feed my ſheep. S. John xxi. 15.

¶ Or this.

THe ſame day at evening, being the firſt day of the Week, When the doors were ſhut, Where the diſciples were aſſembled for fear of the Jews, came Jeſus and ſtood in the midſt, and ſaith unto them, Peace be unto you. And When he had ſo ſaid, he ſhewed unto them his hands and his ſide. Then were the diſciples glad when they ſaw the Lord. Then ſaid Jeſus to them again, Peace be unto you: As my Father hath ſent me, even ſo ſend I you. And When he had ſaid this, he breathed on them, and ſaith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghoſt. Whoſe ſoever ſins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and Whoſe ſoever ſins ye retain, they are retained. S. John xx. 19.

¶ Or this.

JEſus came and ſpake unto them, ſaying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghoſt: teaching them to obſerve all things whatſoever I have commanded you: And lo I am with you alway even unto the end of the World. S. Matth. xxviii. 19.

¶ After

The Conſecration

¶ After the Goſpel, and the Nicene Creed, and the Sermon are ended, the Elected Biſhop (veſted with his Rotchet) ſhall be preſented by two Biſhops unto the Archbiſhop of that Province, (or to ſome other Biſhop appointed by lawful Commiſſion) the Archbiſhop ſitting in his Chair near the holy Table, and the Biſhops that preſent him, ſaying,

MOſt Reverend Father in God, We preſent unto you this godly and well-learned Man, to be Ordained and Conſecrated Biſhop.

¶ Then ſhall the Archbiſhop demand the Kings Mandate for the Conſecration, and cauſe it to be read. And the Oath touching the acknowledgment of the Kings Supremacy ſhall be miniſtred to the Perſons Elected, as it is ſet down before in the Form for the Ordering of Deacons. And then ſhall alſo be miniſtred unto them the Oath of due Obedience to the Archbiſhop, as followeth.

The Oath of due Obedience to the Archbiſhop.

IN the Name of God. Amen. I N. choſen Biſhop of the Church and See of N. do profeſs and promiſe all due reverence and obedience to the Archbiſhop, and to the Metropolitical Church of N. and to their Succeſſors; So help me God, through Jeſus Chriſt.

¶ This Oath ſhall not be made at the Conſecration of an Archbiſhop.

¶ Then the Archbiſhop ſhall move the Congregation preſent to pray, ſaying thus to them,

BRethren, it is written in the Goſpel of S. Luke, That our Saviour Chriſt continued the whole night in Prayer, before he did chooſe and ſend forth his twelve Apoſtles. It is written alſo in the Acts of the Apoſtles, That the Diſciples who were at Antioch, did faſt and pray before they laid hands on Paul and Barnabas, and ſent them forth. Let us therefore, following the example of our Saviour Chriſt and his Apoſtles, firſt fall to Prayer, before we admit and ſend forth this Perſon preſented unto us, to the Work whereunto we truſt the Holy Ghoſt hath called him.

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¶ And then ſhall be ſaid the Litany, as before, in the Form of Ordering Deacons: ſave only that after this place, *That it may pleaſe thee to illuminate all Biſhops*, &c. the proper Suffrage there following ſhall be omitted, and this inſerted inſtead of it;

That it may pleaſe thée to bleſs this our Brother Elected, and to ſend thy grace upon him, that he may duly execute the Office Whereunto he is called, to the edifying of thy Church, and to the honour, praiſe, and glory of thy Name.

Anſwer.

We beſeech thee to hear us, good Lord.

¶ Then ſhall be ſaid this Prayer following.

ALmighty God, giver of all good things, who by thy holy Spirit haſt appointed divers Orders of Miniſters in thy Church; Mercifully behold this thy ſervant now called to the Work and Miniſtry of a Biſhop, and repleniſh him ſo With the truth of thy Doctrine, and adorn him With innocency of life, that both by Word and déed he may faithfully ſerve thée in this Office, to the glory of thy Name, and the edifying and Well governing of thy Church, through the merits of our Saviour Jeſus Chriſt, Who liveth and reigneth With thee and the Holy Ghoſt, World Without end. Amen.

¶ Then the Archbiſhop, ſitting in his Chair, ſhall ſay to him that is to be Conſecrated,

BRother, foraſmuch as the holy Scripture, and the ancient Canons command, that We ſhould not be haſty in laying on hands, and admitting any Perſon to Government in the Church of Chriſt, Which he hath purchaſed With no leſs price then the effuſion of his own bloud; before I admit you to this Adminiſtration, I Will examine you in certain Articles, to the end that the Congregation preſent may have a trial, and bear Witneſs how you be minded to behave your ſelf in the Church of God.

ARe you perſwaded that you be truly called to this Miniſtration, according to the Will of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, and the Order of this Realm?

Anſwer.

I am ſo perſwaded.

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ARe you perſwaded that the holy Scriptures contain ſufficiently all Doctrine required of neceſſity to eternal ſalvation through Faith in Jeſus Chriſt? And are you determined out of the ſame holy Scriptures to inſtruct the people committed to your charge; and to teach or maintain nothing, as required of neceſſity to eternal ſalvation, but that which you ſhall be perſwaded may be concluded and proved by the ſame?

Anſwer.

I am ſo perſwaded and determined by Gods grace.

The Archbiſhop.

WIll you then faithfully exerciſe your ſelf in the ſame holy Scriptures, and call upon God by prayer, for the true underſtanding of the ſame; ſo as ye may be able by them to teach and exhort with wholſom Doctrine, and to withſtand and convince the gain-ſayers?

Anſwer.

I will ſo do by the help of God.

The Archbiſhop.

ARe you ready with all faithful diligence to baniſh and drive away all erroneous and ſtrange Doctrine, contrary to Gods Word; and both privately and openly to call upon, and encourage others to the ſame?

Anſwer.

I am ready, the Lord being my helper.

The Archbiſhop.

WIll you deny all ungodlineſs and worldly luſts, and live ſoberly, righteouſly, and godly in this preſent World, that you may ſhew your ſelf in all things an example of good works unto others, that the adverſary may be aſhamed having nothing to ſay againſt you?

Anſwer.

I Will ſo do, the Lord being my helper.

The Archbiſhop.

WIll you maintain and ſet forward, as much as ſhall lie in you, quietneſs, love, and peace among all men; and ſuch as be unquiet, diſobedient, and criminous within your Dioceſs, correct and puniſh, according

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to ſuch authority as you have by Gods Word, and as to you ſhall be committed by the Ordinance of this Realm?

Anſwer.

I will ſo do by the help of God.

The Archbiſhop.

WIll you be faithful in Ordaining, Sending, or Laying hands upon others?

Anſwer.

I will ſo be by the help of God.

The Archbiſhop.

WIll you ſhew your ſelf gentle, and be merciful for Chriſts ſake to poor and needy people, and to all ſtrangers deſtitute of help?

Anſwer.

I will ſo ſhew my ſelf, by Gods help.

¶ Then the Archbiſhop ſtanding up, ſhall ſay,

ALmighty God, our heavenly Father, who hath given you a good Will to do all theſe things, grant alſo unto you ſtrength and power to perform the ſame; that he accompliſhing in you the good Work which he hath begun, you may be found perfect and irreprehenſible at the latter day, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. Amen.

¶ Then ſhall the Biſhop Elect put on the reſt of the Epiſcopal Habit, and kneeling down [*Veni, Creator Spiritus*] ſhall be ſung or ſaid over him, the Archbiſhop beginning, and the Biſhops, with others that are preſent, anſwering by Verſes, as followeth.

COme, holy Ghoſt, our ſouls inſpire,
And lighten with celeſtial fire.
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who doſt thy ſevenfold Gifts impart.
Thy bleſſed Unction from above,
Is comfort, life, and fire of love.
Enable with perpetual light
The dulneſs of our blinded ſight.

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Anoint and chéer our ſoiled face
With the abundance of thy grace.
Kéep far our foes, give peace at home:
Where thou art guide, no ill can come.
Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And thee, of both, to be but one.
That through the ages all along,
This may be our endleſs ſong;
Praiſe to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and holy Spirit.

¶ Or this.

COme, Holy Ghoſt, eternal God,
proceéding from above,
Both from the Father and the Son,
the God of peace and love.
Viſit our minds, into our hearts
thy heavenly grace inſpire,
That truth and godlineſs we may
purſue with full deſire.
Thou art the very Comforter
in grief and all diſtreſs:
The heavenly gift of God moſt high,
no tongue can it expreſs.
The fountain and the living ſpring
of joy celeſtial:
The fire ſo bright, the love ſo ſweet,
the Unction ſpiritual.
Thou in thy gifts art manifold,
by them Chriſts Church doth ſtand:
In faithful hearts thou writ'ſt thy law,
the finger of Gods hand.
According to thy promiſe, Lord,
thou giveſt ſpeéch with grace,
That through thy help Gods praiſes may
reſound in every place.
O Holy Ghoſt, into our minds
ſend down thy heavenly light;
Kindle our hearts with fervent zeal,
to ſerve God day and night.
Our weakneſs ſtrengthen and confirm
(for, Lord, thou know'ſt us frail)
That neither devil, world, nor fleſh
againſt us may prevail.

Put back our enemies far from us,
and help us to obtain
Peace in our hearts with God and man,
(the beſt, the trueſt gain;)
And grant that thou being, O Lord,
our leader and our guide,
We may eſcape the ſnares of ſin,
and ever from thee ſlide.
Such meaſures of thy powerful grace,
grant, Lord, to us, we pray,
That thou may'ſt be our Comforter
at the laſt dreadful day.
Of ſtrife and of diſſenſion
diſſolve, O Lord, the bands,
And knit the knots of peace and love
throughout all Chriſtian Lands.
Grant us the grace that we may know
the Father of all might,
That we of his beloved Son
may gain the bliſsful ſight,
And that we may with perfect faith
ever acknowledge thee,
The Spirit of Father, and of Son,
One God in Perſons three.
To God the Father, laud and praiſe,
and to his bleſſed Son,
And to the holy Spirit of grace,
Co-equal three in one.
And pray we that our only Lord
would pleaſe his Spirit to ſend
On all that ſhall profeſs his Name,
from hence to the worlds end.

Amen.

¶ That ended, the Archbiſhop ſhall ſay,

Lord, hear our prayer.
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And let our cry come unto thee.

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Let us pray.

ALmighty God, and moſt merciful Father, Who of thine infinite goodneſs haſt given thy only and dearly beloved Son Jeſus Chriſt to be our Redeemer, and the Author of everlaſting life; Who after that he had made perfect our Redemption by his death, and was aſcended into heaven, poured down abundantly his Gifts upon men, making ſome Apoſtles, ſome Prophets, ſome Evangeliſts, ſome Paſtors and Doctors, to the edifying and making perfect his Church; Grant, We beſeech thee, to this thy Servant ſuch grace, that he may evermore be ready to ſpread abroad thy Goſpel, the glad tidings of reconciliation with thee, and uſe the Authority given him, not to deſtruction, but to ſalvation; not to hurt, but to help; ſo that as a Wiſe and faithful Servant, giving to thy Family their portion in due ſeaſon, he may at laſt be received into everlaſting joy, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, Who with thee and the Holy Ghoſt, liveth and reigneth one God, World without end. Amen.

¶ Then the Archbiſhop and Biſhops preſent, ſhall lay their Hands upon the Head of the Elected Biſhop, kneeling before them upon his Knees, the Archbiſhop ſaying,

REceive the Holy Ghoſt, for the Office and Work of a Biſhop in the Church of God, now committed unto thee by the Impoſition of our Hands; In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghoſt. Amen. And remember that thou ſtir up the grace of God which is given thee by this Impoſition of our Hands: For God hath not given us the ſpirit of fear, but of power, and love, and ſoberneſs.

¶ Then the Archbiſhop ſhall deliver him the Bible, ſaying,

GIve heed unto Reading, Exhortation, and Doctrine. Think upon the things contained in this Book. Be diligent in them, that the increaſe coming thereby may be manifeſt unto all men. Take heed unto thy ſelf, and to Doctrine, and be diligent in doing them: for by ſo doing, thou ſhalt both ſave thy ſelf, and them that hear thee. Be to the flock of Chriſt a ſhepherd, not a Wolf; feed them, devour them not. Hold up the Weak, heal the ſick, bind up the broken, bring again the outcaſts, ſeek the loſt. Be ſo merciful, that you be not too remiſs; ſo miniſter Diſci-

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pline, that you forget not mercy: that When the chief Shepherd ſhall appear, you may receive the never-fading crown of glory, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. Amen.

¶ Then the Archbiſhop ſhall proceed in the Communion-Service; with whom the new Conſecrated Biſhop (with others) ſhall alſo Communicate.

¶ And for the laſt Collect, immediately before the Benediction, ſhall be ſaid theſe Prayers.

MOſt merciful Father, We beſeech thee to ſend down upon this thy Servant thy heavenly Bleſſing, and ſo endue him With thy holy Spirit, that he Preaching thy Word, may not only be earneſt to reprove, beſeech and rebuke With all patience and doctrine; but alſo may be to ſuch as believe, a Wholſom Example in Word, in converſation, in love, in faith, in chaſtity, and in purity; that faithfully fulfilling his courſe, at the latter day he may receive the crown of righteouſneſs laid up by the Lord the righteous Judge, Who liveth and reigneth one God With the Father, and the Holy Ghoſt, World Without end. Amen.

PRevent us, O Lord, in all our doings With thy moſt gracious favour, and further us With thy continual help; that in all our Works begun, continued, and ended in thee, We may glorifie thy holy Name, and finally by thy mercy obtain everlaſting life, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. Amen.

The peace of God, Which paſſeth all underſtanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. And the bleſſing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the holy Ghoſt, be amongſt you, and remain With you always. Amen.

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